

story, red brick and tile building is usually the first thing that catches the eyes of visitors as they cross the Penn Street Bridge leading into downtown Reading. At night, the glow of the Pagoda's red lights transform the building into a beacon easily seen for miles.

Most visitors are curious about why a building associated with Japanese culture is in the middle of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. A postcard from the Philippines with a pagoda on it inspired William Abbott Witman Sr. to build one in Reading at a cost of \$50,000. In 1911, the City of Reading purchased the Pagoda for \$1 after plans to open a luxury resort in the building fell through.

Today, the Pagoda remains a proud symbol of Reading thanks to the dedication and countless hours of work by members of Pagoda Skyline Inc. This group of private citizens uses donations to maintain the building and grounds and organizes events, such as the planting of perennials each spring.

Pagoda Skyline will help the City mark the 100th Anniversary of the Pagoda on Saturday, July 12, 2008 during a car show atop Mount Penn.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating the City of Reading and Pagoda Skyline Inc. on the historic anniversary of the treasured Pagoda.

COMMENDING THE RESOLUTIONS
ADOPTED AT THE 76TH ANNUAL
MEETING OF THE U.S.

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the work of the U.S. Council of Mayors for the progress made at their 76th annual meeting in Miami, Florida.

I wish to express my full support for the three resolutions adopted by the council that call for immediate immigration reform. These resolutions: (1) Calling for Comprehensive Immigration Which Promotes the Reunification of Families, Provides Legal Status With a Path to Earned Citizenship, and a Plan for Current and Future Immigrant Workers, (2) U.S. Immigration and Customs Worksite Enforcement and (3) Increasing Customs and Border Protection Staffing and Improving Infrastructure at International Ports of Entry, all serve to address many of the challenges the U.S. immigrant community faces.

I would like to recognize and thank the U.S. Council of Mayors for their efforts in promoting immigration reform.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JEFFERSON
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the 60th anniversary of the Jefferson Fire Protection District in southern Illinois.

From a humble beginning, with a 5½ square mile district and a tanker that was a

converted Army truck from World War II, to today's department with modern equipment covering 220 square miles, the Jefferson Fire Protection District has been keeping residents of Jefferson County, Illinois, safe for 60 years.

It is because of dedicated citizens, willing to put themselves into harm's way to help another in need, that our Nation is the great place that it is. Every time the department has responded to a house fire, an auto accident, a medical crisis or any of the myriad of other emergencies that they have been called upon to face, these brave public servants have reminded us of what it means to be a hero.

I want to congratulate the members of the Jefferson Fire Protection District, past and present, on reaching this milestone. I also want to thank them for the vital public service they render to local residents.

HONORING MR. DON C. HUBBARD

HON. WILLIAM J. JEFFERSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. JEFFERSON. Madam Speaker, this weekend the Urban League of Greater New Orleans will honor Mr. Don C. Hubbard for a life committed to justice and self-help for African Americans. In honoring him, the Urban League printed the following biography of his life's work in its 2008 Annual Gala Program:

"Mr. Don C. Hubbard has dedicated his entire life to the fight for social justice. As a champion of equality, he has contributed greatly to the battle against discrimination in the public and political communities of New Orleans. From his work during the Civil Rights Movement to his commitment to provide students with an opportunity to attend college, Mr. Hubbard has selflessly crusaded to establish a voice for the voiceless in New Orleans.

Mr. Hubbard's career in public advocacy began with the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. As a member of the New Orleans Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Mr. Hubbard contributed to numerous sit-ins and demonstrations throughout the South with acts of leadership and courage. In 1963, Mr. Hubbard helped organize the first march on New Orleans City Hall to deliver better jobs and greater access to public facilities. In the late 1960s, he participated in a demonstration at Southern University at Baton Rouge to protest segregated stores. As a result of the demonstration, the participants were sprayed with tear gas and water hoses.

As a community leader, Mr. Hubbard has established numerous organizations and foundations to enhance the quality of life throughout New Orleans. In the late 1960s, he established the Gentilly East Development Association (GEDA) to lobby the city for adequate city services, including garbage collection, underground drainage and street paving. In 1967, Mr. Hubbard organized the Southern Organization for Unified Leadership (SOUL) to grant support to African-Americans seeking public office. SOUL has remained at the forefront of the struggle to gain leadership roles for African-Americans and is also a vital organization in the political arena. As a member of the trustee board of the Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist Church, he launched the Paul S. Morton, Sr. Scholarship Fund. The foundation has provided five (5) \$5,000 scholarships a year to help students in their college endeavors for the last 19 years.

Mr. Hubbard is not only a Civil Rights leader and community activist, but also an entrepreneur. In the 1970s, Mr. Hubbard established the largest 100 percent Black-owned and operated services company in America, Superdome Services, Inc. He has also served as president and a major stockholder of Louisiana Sports, Inc., while working as vice president of managing and promoting the former light/heavyweight champion of the world, Michael Spinks. Mr. Hubbard also spent time working for Spencer Promotions managing former heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe. A former state employee in the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Mr. Hubbard currently owns and operates the Hubbard Mansion Bed and Breakfast on St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans."

We, in the U. S. Congress and the people of our Nation are grateful for Mr. Hubbard's service to all of us and Join the Urban League of Greater New Orleans in honoring him for a life well lived in the service of others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, due to other Congressional business, I unfortunately missed recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, July 8, 2008.

Had I been able to vote that day, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote Nos. 471, 472, and 473.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF H.R. 5811, ELECTRONIC MES-
SAGE PRESERVATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5811, the "Electronic Message Preservation Act," introduced by my friend and colleague on the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Chairman WAXMAN.

With the advent and proliferation of electronic communication, the time has come for us to improve the methods for preserving records. Gone are the days when correspondence was sent solely using paper. E-mail has become the primary method of communication, and it is imperative that we develop procedures to stay current with the evolving technologies.

The bill before us today would direct the Archivist to establish standards for the capture, management, and preservation of White House e-mails and other electronic messages and to certify that the system meets the requirements established by the Archivist. Additionally, H.R. 5811 directs the Archivist to issue regulations requiring agencies to preserve electronic messages that are records in an electronic format. These regulations must cover, at a minimum, the capture, management, preservation, and electronic retrieval of these electronic records.

I believe that this legislation will help future administrations avoid the issues that seemed to plague this White House with reports that officials were using RNC e-mail accounts to conduct official business and then deleting those e-mails from servers. H.R. 5811 will enhance the transparency of government while ensuring an accurate historical record.

REMEMBERING BOSNIAN GENOCIDE VICTIMS

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. OLVER. Madam Speaker, as we commemorate the 13th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide, perpetrated by nationalist Serb forces predominantly against Bosniaks, Bosnian Muslims, it is time to pay tribute to the tragic episodes not only in Srebrenica, but also in other less-known places in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In the spring of 1992, a deliberate, centrally planned, and well-organized campaign of ethnic cleansing, mass murder, rape, torture, and intimidation terrorized the civilian population throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina and took the lives of 200,000 men, women, and children. Out of those, 8,000 perished in Srebrenica alone during a period of less than five days in July of 1995. In the end, 2 million Bosnians were displaced from their homes, and the country's rich cultural and religious heritage and monuments were deliberately destroyed. Shattered state institutions remain dysfunctional from the chaos and are struggling to cope with the significant loss of Bosnia's population. Today, survivors are battling post-traumatic stress disorder, orphans are still searching for their parents' remains, and new mass graves continue to be discovered. The entire western Balkans region has still not fully recovered from the violent break-up of Yugoslavia.

The human tragedy that befell Bosnia and its citizens in places less known such as Bihac, Zepa, Gorazde, and Visegrad needs to be revisited and marked in its proper place in the memory of human experience and history. If the international community had possessed the will to protect the UN-designated "safe haven" of Srebrenica, it would have prevented the tragic outcome and thousands of innocent lives would have been with us here today. The world had said "never again" to genocide, only to abandon the people of Bosnia to an unspeakable nightmare. Today, let us remind ourselves of the consequences: Srebrenica was the worst single atrocity in Europe after World War II. We cannot pretend that Bosnia's struggles are simply in the past, nor that the country has fully stabilized. The people of Bosnia are still trying to rebuild their country, to reform the institutions that were responsible for the genocide, and to move beyond ethno-territorial divisions into a functional democratic state.

As we mark July 11th, we must always remember the innocent people who lost their lives while the international community failed to act. We must acknowledge that justice will prevail only when General Ratko Mladic and Radovan Karadzic are apprehended, and we must never forget the horrors that befell the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

RETIREMENT OF JAMES M. LARIVIERE, REPUBLICAN STAFF DIRECTOR, COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS, UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and bid farewell to an exceptional leader, patriot, and friend, James M. Lariviere, as he retires from civilian Federal service. A Marine Corps Reserve colonel selected for promotion to brigadier general, he is returning to active duty to continue his distinguished military career.

Throughout his life Jim Lariviere has been a devoted servant to his country and fellow citizens. A native of Rochester, New York, he earned a bachelor's degree in history from the Citadel in 1979. During my freshman year at the Citadel, Jim personally ensured that I was "squared away" when I navigated the trials and tribulations of "knob year" in the Corps of Cadets. While at the Citadel, Jim distinguished himself with scholarship having worn academic gold stars, and with military bearing as a member of the junior sword drill, Summerall Guards, and as Regimental Adjutant for the Corps of Cadets.

Upon graduation, Jim was commissioned as an officer with the United States Marine Corps. During his time on active duty, Jim Lariviere commanded a force reconnaissance platoon in Beirut, Lebanon, and served as a company executive officer, company commander, assistant operations officer, and White House Social Aide. He is a graduate of the Amphibious Reconnaissance School, U.S. Army Ranger School and earned the privilege to wear the Navy Marine Corps Parachutist Insignia. In every assignment he excelled in his service, being recognized by numerous awards and medals, including: The Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (2), Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Citation, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with 2 campaign stars), Global War on Terrorism Medal. Jim also holds a masters degree in national security affairs from Georgetown University and he is a graduate of the Air War College.

Jim left active duty, transitioned to the Marine Corps Reserve and joined my congressional staff in 1993, bringing his military values and experience to the United States House of Representatives. Jim successfully balanced his Reserve duties with a career on Capitol Hill. Initially, he worked on my office staff as the military legislative assistant handling national security, veterans', and technology issues. He also acted as the lead staff member for the House National Guard and Reserve Components Caucus. In February 1999, he joined the professional staff of the House Armed Services Committee as a member of the policy group where he had responsibility for a wide variety of defense policy issues including national security and military strategy, force structure policy, on-going military operations, peacekeeping, and military readiness policy.

In 2003, Jim Lariviere joined the firm of Holland & Knight LLP as a Senior National Security

Policy Advisor, working directly with the late Congresswoman Tillie Fowler. He also served as a consultant to the Defense Policy Board. In May 2005, he returned to Capitol Hill as the Republican Staff Director of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs during the 109th Congress, when I was chairman. While staff director, he was ordered to active duty in Afghanistan from June through December 2006. While in Afghanistan as part of operation Enduring Freedom, he served as Deputy Director for Training Operations, Plans and Education at the Combined Security Assistance Command. During the same period, he also served as mentor to the G-3 of the Afghan National Army. For his military service in Afghanistan he was awarded the Bronze Star.

During his tenure as staff director, he led and supervised the committee and subcommittee staffs in their legislative and oversight work, which included the enactment of the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Enhancement Act of 2005, which became Public Law 109-80, and the Veterans' Benefits, Health Care and Information Technology Act of 2006, which became Public Law 109-461.

When I became the Ranking Republican Member in 2007, Jim Lariviere continued as the Republican staff director. He was instrumental in the minority staff development of a Republican alternative budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2008 and 2009 and in a successful amendment to the Wounded Warrior Act, which was incorporated into the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, Public Law 110-181. His tireless efforts resulted in significant improvements in the care and treatment of injured or ill servicemembers returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Jim has spent his life dedicated to serving this Nation. As he takes yet another step in continuing that service, as a warrior, a leader, and a patriot in every facet, I am confident that he will do so with strong devotion to the country and to men and women who defend our freedom and way of life.

I am honored to call this family man my friend. He has earned the respect and admiration of all who know him and he embodies the principles and character that epitomizes what is expected of a model Marine Corps officer, or any officer.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the remarkable career of Jim Lariviere and to thank him for his leadership and honorable service to our country. I say to him, "Bravo Zulu" and wish him, his wife, Virginia, and their four children, much success and happiness during the next chapters of their lives. "Hit it smack"

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDWARD M. FORTUNATO

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Edward M. Fortunato, United States Army, on the occasion of his retirement from active duty. Lieutenant Colonel Fortunato, a